

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Tuesday, March 7, 2006.

Met according to adjournment, at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Prayer was offered by the Reverend Robert F. Quinn, C.S.P., Chaplain of the House, as follows:

Eternal God, we begin today's legislative session with a prayer of petition in which we ask for Your assistance as we carry out our legislative and personal responsibilities. Your help enables us to cope with the stress and pressures of the day and to keep all matters in proper focus and perspective. In our sincere desire to resolve issues fairly and thoughtfully, inspire us to base our decisions on traditional human and spiritual values and principles. Teach us, as elected leaders, to analyze and consider the consequences of our decisions today and on the future well-being of the people and our communities.

Grant Your blessings to the Speaker, the members and employees of this House and their families. Amen.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Prayer.

Pledge of
allegiance.

Papers from the Senate.

A report of the Department of Public Health (under the provisions of Sections 5 and 20 of Chapter 111 of the General Laws) relative to an inspection of the Boston Pre-Release Center, in the city of Boston, was spread upon the records of the House; and returned to the Senate.

Boston
Pre-Release
Center.

Petitions were referred, in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2399) of Frederick E. Berry, Joyce A. Spiliotis, Theodore C. Spiliotis and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to the Massachusetts Port Authority; and

Port
Authority.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2400) of Frederick E. Berry, Joyce A. Spiliotis, Theodore C. Spiliotis, John D. Keenan and other members of the General Court for legislation to increase the membership of the Massachusetts Port Authority;

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Severally to the committee on Transportation.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. O'Flaherty of Chelsea, for the committee on the Judiciary, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1741) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr.,

Seniors,
property
tax.

and others relative to property tax relief for senior citizens,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Revenue; and

Bridgewater,
land
conveyance.

By Mr. Wagner of Chicopee, for the committee on Transportation, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2378) of Marc R. Pacheco and David L. Flynn for legislation to authorize the Department of Highways to convey and acquire certain parcels of land in the town of Bridgewater,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets.

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Health
education,
study.

By Mrs. Haddad of Somerset, for the committee on Education, on House, No. 1090, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Education to make an investigation and study of a certain House document concerning health education (House, No. 4724).

Elder
issues,
study.

By Mr. Correia of Fall River, for the committee on Elder Affairs, on Senate, Nos. 383, 391, 404, 410, 415 and 425 and House, No. 2732, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Elder Affairs to make an investigation and study of certain Senate and House documents concerning elder issues (House, No. 4725).

Environmental
study.

By Mr. Smizik of Brookline, for the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, on House, No. 1276, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture to make an investigation and study of a certain House document concerning environmental issues (House, No. 4726) [Senator Brewer dissenting].

Mental
health,
study.

By Ms. Balser of Newton, for the committee on Mental Health and Substance Abuse, on House, Nos. 2862, 2863 and 3126, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Mental Health and Substance Abuse to make an investigation and study of certain House documents concerning mental health issues (House, No. 4727).

Public
employees,
study.

By Mr. Kaufman of Lexington, for the committee on Public Service, on Senate, Nos. 1407, 1415, 1416, 1418, 1425, 1437, 1438, 1451, 1459, 1460, 1461, 1463, 1465, 1467, 1472, 1476, 1477, 1503, 1515, 1531, 1534, 1545, 1547, 1548, 1551, 1552, 1556, 1557, 1575, 1598, 1601, 1610, 1621, 1622, 1627 and 1633 and House, Nos. 141, 142, 152, 158, 162, 167, 170, 181, 182, 185, 186, 188, 198, 200, 201, 202, 221, 223, 224, 228, 231, 249, 250, 253, 308, 311, 317, 362, 367, 368, 372, 399, 401, 415, 424, 432, 441, 453, 454, 469, 475, 495, 519, 549, 556, 558, 571, 572, 573, 575, 577, 592, 3232 and 4137, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Public Service to make an investigation and study of certain Senate and House documents concerning active and retired public employees (House, No. 4723).

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Subsequently Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for said committees, reported, in each instance, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the orders; and recommending that the same severally be referred to the House committee on Rules.

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted.

By Mr. Correia of Fall River, for the committee on Elder Affairs, on Senate, Nos. 378, 385 and 395, a Bill relative to the nursing home tax (House, No. 4728).

Nursing
home tax.

By Mr. Koutoujian of Waltham, for the committee on Public Health, on House, Nos. 2619 and 2629, a Bill relative to defibrillators (House, No. 2619).

Defibrillators.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to standardize health data collection and assessment (House, No. 2649).

Health data
collection.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the public accessibility of defibrillators (House, No. 2652).

Defibrillators.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relating to safe patient handling in certain health facilities (House, No. 2662).

Patients,
safe
handling.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to restore the trust by re-establishing the voter mandated health protection fund and the Tobacco Settlement Fund (House, No. 2685).

Tobacco
settlement
fund.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to increase patient protections of blood banking operations (House, No. 2690).

Blood
banking
operations.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a commission to reduce health care administrative costs (House, No. 2723).

Health care
costs.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a voluntary health records registry (House, No. 2749).

Voluntary
health records.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to Bridgewater State Hospital (House, No. 2853).

Bridgewater
State Hospital.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill requiring defibrillators in public schools (House, No. 3633).

Schools,
defibrillators.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to protect the public health by banning the public distribution of free smoking or tobacco products for commercial purposes (House, No. 3634).

Free tobacco
products,
prohibit.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 2689, a Bill to establish a collaborative drug therapy management to improve pharmaceutical care for patients in Massachusetts (House, No. 4729).

Pharmaceutical
care.

Severally read; and referred, Under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

By Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that the Bill supporting access and excellence in public higher education (Senate, No. 2380) ought to pass.

Higher
education.

By Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committee on Rules, that the Bill establishing a task force within the Board of Registration in Medicine to study medical spas (Senate, No. 2191, amended) ought to pass.

Medical
spas.

Severally referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Creditable
service.

By Mr. Kaufman of Lexington, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill relative to creditable service (House, No. 4662).

Eric
Tate.

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 393, a Bill to provide creditable service to Eric Tate (House, No. 4730).

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Engrossed Bill.

Bill
enacted.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Marie Cantave-Kenney, an employee of the Trial Court (see House, No. 4653, amended) (which originated in the House), in respect to which the Senate had concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DiMasi of Boston,—

Next
sitting.

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M.

At seven minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Ms. Story of Amherst, (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair) the House adjourned, to meet tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.